

25 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important update - arrangements from the 27th of January 2022

Facemasks

I hope that I find you and your family well in these continued unprecedented times. My letter today includes important information relating to updates to our Covid risk assessment in line with government guidance.

You will have seen media coverage of recent government announcements for the removal of the need for face coverings in schools.

From **27 January 2022**, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas and face coverings continue to be no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms.

If you wish your child to continue to wear a face covering despite the government changes, you may instruct them to do so. It should be noted that this is a parental decision and will not be enforced by the academy.

Furthermore, if we are instructed by Public Health England due to an increase in local Covid cases, we may need to reinstate the use of masks within school after this date.

I would again like to thank all members of our school community for their continued support

Yours sincerely,



Ms Zoe Bidmead
Associate Executive Principal